

House Resolution 604

By: Representatives Gardner of the 57th, Bell of the 58th, Thomas of the 56th, Kaiser of the 59th, Brooks of the 55th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Senior Patrol Officer Gail Denise Thomas and dedicating an interchange
2 in her memory; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
4 enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Senior Patrol Officer Gail Denise Thomas on
5 January 24, 2012, when she was killed by a drunk driver while responding to a traffic
6 accident; and

7 WHEREAS, SPO Thomas was born on December 22, 1965, in Atlanta, Georgia, the beloved
8 daughter of Juliet Mack Thomas and Early Thomas; and

9 WHEREAS, a graduate of Atlanta's S.H. Archer High School and Georgia Military College,
10 SPO Thomas worked for the Atlanta Police Department as a 911 dispatch operator for five
11 years before she attended the H.T. Jenkins Atlanta Police Academy, where she graduated
12 among the top students in her class; and

13 WHEREAS, SPO Thomas served as a police officer in Atlanta's Zone 5 and was a dedicated
14 member of the force's honor guard and Red Dog Unit prior to her appointment as a Senior
15 Patrol Officer, where she served as a field training officer for new recruits; and

16 WHEREAS, she was an adoring mother to her daughter, Jasmine Jay Sherman, who made
17 her proud each and every day; and

18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
19 this distinguished Georgian be recognized with the naming of an interchange in her memory.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the interchange at Interstate 75 and Exit 251 in Fulton
22 County is dedicated as the Senior Patrol Officer Gail Denise Thomas Memorial Interchange.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
24 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Senior Patrol Officer Gail
25 Denise Thomas Memorial Interchange.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Senior Patrol
28 Officer Gail Denise Thomas and to the Department of Transportation.